

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 36, 37, 40, 42 and 45 were rejected. By the present Response, claims 36, 42 and 43 are amended, claims 40 and 41 are cancelled, and claim 66 is added. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 36, 37, 39, 42-46 and 49-66 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Specification

Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 49-65. The Examiner further indicated that claims 39, 41, 43, 44 and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the Examiner's remarks, Applicants have amended independent claim 36 to include recitations of claims 41 and those of intervening claim 40, so that the allowable claim 41 is written in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants cancelled claims 40 and 41.

New Claim

Applicants have added a new independent claim 66 to the Application. The new claim 66 combines subject matter recited by claim 36 with subject matter recited by claim 39, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants believe the claim is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter and allow the new claim.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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